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Addendum #1

<p>DATE: 6/17/2022 RFP/LOI#: B2022023A1</p> <p>Project Name: Drug Testing Cups</p> <p>Opening Time & Date: 10:00a.m. June 24, 2022</p> <p>Place: Purchasing Office, Rm 1014 670 New London Avenue Cranston, RI 02920</p>	<p>Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference: No</p> <p>Pre-Bid attendance mandatory: No</p>
<p>This addendum serves to provide answers to questions submitted by interested parties in response to Bid#2022023.</p>	

Question: For the adulteration strip requirement, is it acceptable to include separate adulteration strips with the cups, or do the adulteration strips need to be integrated into the cup itself?

Answer: *No it is not acceptable, the adulteration strip must be on the cup.*

Question: The bid calls for a 12-panel cup that would need to have a morphine strip and an opiate strip. They are the same strip, but testing at different levels (300 vs. 2000). Cups have either one strip or the other, but not both because there is no point in testing for the same drug at two different levels in the same cup.

We have nearly 80 different cups in our catalog and no one of them has both of those strips in the same cup. We have never made one like that, and no one has ever asked us to make one, and I have never seen one from any of our competitors.

Can you inquire if this requirement is accurate or in error?

Answer: *Our current cups have both the morphine and opiate strips. We need to differentiate the different classifications of opiates without having to send each sample out to the lab to be tested.*

Question: We had a couple questions regarding the bid solicitation process. Firstly, as we were filling out the Bid Form, we could not find the mentioned addendums and were wondering where we could find them for the proposal or if we should just put n/a? Secondly, We were originally going to include separate pricing for the drug testing cups and the fentanyl strips, however after looking at the form, there is only one section. Did you want those prices to be put together into one cumulative price? We also have multiple different types of cups and strips that could be of interest, do we need to fill out a separate form for each one or can we just put them all on an excel spreadsheet to send with the samples?

Answer: *The pricing should be separate, as we may not necessarily order the cups and strips at the same time.*

Question: Who is the incumbent provider for the requested devices?

Answer: *Lochness Medical Supplies is the current vendor providing devices to the AOSC.*

Question: What is the AOSC currently paying for the requested devices?

Answer: *\$2.59 per cup, \$1 per strip.*

Question: Can the AOSC estimate how many cups in the last year were returned to the incumbent vendor because they were not used prior to the expiration date?

Answer: *None were returned.*

Question: If all cups provided to the Court include an expiration date of at least 12-months from date of delivery, does the AOSC anticipate any returns?

Answer: *We attempt to order the cups in batches to eliminate having returns.*

Question: Would the Court consider removing the " percentage (%) over the Contractor's cost of materials" from the Bid Form as this would essentially require Vendors to disclose their proprietary and confidential cost information?

Answer: No, this is boiler plate language. Vendors are only required to submit price per cost to the AOSC.

Question: When does the Court anticipate placing its first order of 3,500 test cups?

Answer: Shortly after the bid is awarded we anticipate we will place our first order.

Question: Will the Court allow for exceptions to the terms and conditions to be submitted with a bid response for the Court's consideration?

Answer: No exceptions will be considered.

Question: Will the County accept offers from Vendors who cannot accept returns for any unused devices?

Answer: The AOSC has never returned unused devices as the orders are placed conservatively to avoid the need for returns.

Question: Given that this is a bid for devices to be sent to the AOSC and no staff from the awarded vendor will be on-site at a courthouse, can the AOSC confirm that section 5.0 Security does not apply to the scope of services requested in this bid?

Answer: Section 5.0 is not applicable to this solicitation.